C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 1991 at 10:00 A.M., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present:	P. Albert, E. Doedel, D. Ginter, M. Kusy, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), J. McGuire, S. Sankar, M.N.S. Swamy, A. Williams, D. Gold, Evelyne Loo (Secretary)
Absent with regrets:	U. De Brentani, M. Lefebvre, K. Lipke, B. MacKay, J. Makkonen, G. Mergen

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

In Advance:

SRC-01-17-91-D123	Letter dated December 7, 1990 from Dr. M.N.S. Swamy addressed to Dr. Jack Lightstone, ref: "EFC Recommendation of Inter-University Research Centre".
SRC-01-17-91-D124	Draft Strategy for University Research in Canada dated December 11, 1990.

At the Meeting:

SRC-01-17-91-D125	The enhancement of research, scholarship and creative activity at Concordia University: An analysis and a strategic plan.
SRC-01-17-91-D126	Letter dated January 16, 1991 from Audrey J. Williams, Director, Research Services, ref: 1989-1990 Annual Reports on Faculty Distribution of Internal Research Funds.
SRC-01-17-91-D127	Draft Resolution dated January 17, 1991
SRC-01-17-91-D128	Letter dated January 16, 1991 from Dr. M.N.S. Swamy addressed to Dr. Jack Lightstone, ref: ECFC recommendations, Inter-University Centre.

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 A.M.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair added item 6 to the Agenda "An analysis and a strategic plan for the enhancement" which was approved by the Committee.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Dr. Ginter noted that page 3, paragraph 2 of item 5 of the Minutes of Meeting, should be amended to read as follows:

> Dr. Ginter inquired if it would be useful to have a table appended to the document with examples of departments and their specific research profiles.

The Minutes as amended were approved by the Committee.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Report of the Director of ORS

A.J. Williams announced that twelve NSERC International Fellowship applications were received and three were submitted: two from Engineering & Computer Science and one from Biology.

4.2 Report for the Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research)

4.2.1 The Chair informed the Committee that he will be unable to attend the conference being hosted by the Canadian Council of Graduate Studies (CAGS) and the Royal Society of Canada to be held in Toronto, February 21-22, 1991 to discuss the Society's report on research at Canadian universities. Dr. P. Albert will attend in his place.

The draft report by the Royal Society of Canada **"Realizing the potential: A strategy for University research in Canada"** will be discussed at a later meeting.

5.0 Proposal for an Inter-University Research Group, Computer Architecture and VLSI

Dr. M.N.S. Swamy presented the centre's proposal entitled "Inter-University Centre for VLSI". This group has been in existence on a semi-formal basis for 5 years. The Dean indicated that the Concordia team was a strong research group and would be an important partner in this Centre. The other universities are in the process of approving the Centre's proposal.

The Chair announced that he has already written a letter to the University of Montreal with regard to the Centre and has scheduled a meeting to discuss Concordia's role in the Inter-University Centre.

The Chair added that in his opinion VLSI is one of our major priorities, and it represents a priority area to this Faculty.

Dr. Ginter asked what the status of the Centre would be at Concordia. Dr. Swamy noted that it would be a node of an inter-university centre. The office of the Director would rotate. The Board of Governors would consist of representation from the four institutions on an equal basis.

It was moved by M.N.S. Swamy and seconded by M. Kusy that the SRC support the creation of the Inter-University Centre for VLSI with full participation of Concordia University and recommend that Senate take the appropriate measures for the Group to become an Inter-University Centre with Concordia as a full participant. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.0 Varia - A Strategic Plan for the Enhancement of Research at Concordia University

6.1 The Chair briefly outlined the history of action taken on this document since last presented to the Committee. In addition, he reviewed the time table to be followed to ensure approval and possible implementation by June 1, 1991. Following this presentation, the document was discussed and points were raised.

- Dr. Ginter recommended that an additional item be inserted under 5.2, as follows:

  5.2.7 - "Increase the Computing Services' and statistical support personnel".

The SRC then passed the following resolution:

1) recommends to Senate and the University the endorsement of the Objectives, General Framework and Principles, and Mechanisms contained in the document entitled, "A Strategic Plan for the Enhancement of Research at Concordia University";

2) recommends that the appropriate offices and bodies of the University immediately commence the implementation of the Mechanisms in light of the stated Objectives, General Framework and Principles;

3) recommends that the planning and execution of the next capital campaign take place in light of the stated Objectives, General Framework and Principles and in tandem with the implementation of the stated Mechanisms.

It was then moved by Dr. Ginter and seconded by Dr. Kusy.

6.2 The next Senate Research Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m., in Room BC-110.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.